MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT FOR 1962

Telephone Number
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KNIGHTON, Radnor.

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Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

My report for the year 1962 is as follows :-

Home Population - The estimated mid-year population of the Urban District of Knighton was 1820.

Schedule of Premises

Type	Number
Dwelling houses and flats (excluding those assessed with Shops)	568
Shops assessed with private dwelling accommodation	39
Other shops (including Banks in Shopping Areas) and Cafes	27
Offices (including Banks in Shopping Areas)	7
Public Houses (excluding Residential Hotels)	7
Hotels and Boarding Houses	1
Caravan Sites	1
Warehouses, Stores and Workshops	27
Garages (Commercial), Petrol Filling Stations, Car Parks	12
Lock-up Garages (separately assessed)	75
Markets	1
Factories, Mills and other premises of a similar character	7
Gas, Electricity, Water, Transport Undertakings	6
Cinemas	1
Sports and Recreation Grounds, Golf Courses	4
Social Clubs, Community Centres and Public Halls	5
Public Libraries	1
Schools	2
Crown Occupations	5
Hospitals	1
Old People's Hostels	1
Town Halls and Municipal Offices	2
Sewage Disposal Works	1
Refuse Disposal Works	1
Hereditaments not otherwise classified	14
Total	816

Vital Statistics

Live Births - Males 18, Females 9, Total 27. Rate 15 per 1,000 population as adjusted by comparability factor 1·01.

Illegitimate Live Births - 2 Female.

Stillbirths - 2 Female (legitimate).

Live and Still Births - 29

Infant Deaths - Under 1 year 1 Male (legitimate), under 4 weeks of age 1 Male (legitimate), under 1 week of age 1 Male (legitimate).

Infant Mortality Rates - Infant deaths per 1,000 total live births 12
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births 120.
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births 0.

Neo-natal Mortality Rate - 0.55 deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births.

Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate - 0.55 deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births.

Perinatal Mortality Rate - 1.65 stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births.

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Welcome Street,
KOMOTOKA, HANOVER.

Mr. Chairman, Worden and Council men,

My report for the year 1962 is as follows :-

Home Population - The estimated mid-year population of the Urban District of Komotoka was 1,240.

Schedule of Premises

Type	Number
Dwelling houses and flats (excluding those assessed with Shops)	368
Shops assessed with private dwelling accommodation	59
Other shops (including Banks, Shopping Arcade) and Cafes	27
Offices (including Banks in Shopping Arcade)	7
Public houses (excluding Residential Hotels)	1
Hotels and Boarding Houses	1
Garages	27
Warehouses, Stores and Workshops	12
Garages (Commercial), Petrol Filling Stations, Car Parks	7
Lock-up Garages (separately assessed)	1
Markets	1
Factories, Mills and other premises of a similar character	6
Gas, Electricity, Water, Sewerage Undertakings	1
Cinemas	1
Sports and Entertainments Grounds, Golf Courses	1
Social Clubs, Community Centres and Public Halls	2
Public Libraries	1
Schools	1
Crown Occupations	1
Hospitals	1
Old People's Hostels	1
Town Halls and Municipal Offices	1
Sewage Disposal Works	1
Nurses Training Hospital	1
Miscellaneous not otherwise classified	1
Total	518

Vital Statistics

Live Births - Males 16, Females 3, Total 19. Rate 15 per 1,000 population as adjusted by comparability factor 1.01.

Illegitimate Live Births - 2 Males.

Still Births - 2 Males (Legitimate).

Live and Still Births - 23

Infant Deaths - Under 1 year 1 Male (Legitimate), and 1 week or more 1 Male (Legitimate), under 4 weeks 1 Male (Legitimate).

Infant Mortality Rate - Taking as the base 1,000 total live births 1 Male (Legitimate) 1 Male (Legitimate) 1 Male (Legitimate) 1.20.

Illegitimate Infant Death Rate 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births 0.

Neo-natal Mortality Rate - 0.54 deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births.

Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate - 0.54 deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births.

Perinatal Mortality Rate - 0 Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live and still births.

Total .....

Maternal Mortality (including abortion) - 0 deaths. Rate per 1,000 total live and still births 0.

Deaths (excluding infant mortality) - Males 14, Females 20, Total 34. (excludes outward and includes inward transfers).

Death Rate - 11 per 1,000 population as adjusted by comparability factor 0.59.

Causes of Death	Males	Females
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	0	0
Cancer (all forms)	1	7
Diseases of Heart and Circulatory System	6	6
Pneumonia and Bronchitis	0	1
Others	7	6
	14	20

Infectious and other Notifiable Diseases - Tuberculosis (respiratory) 1 male, 0 females. There were no cases of scarlet fever, whooping cough, acute poliomylitis, measles (excluding rubella), diphtheria, dysentery, meningococcal infection, acute pneumonia, smallpox, acute encephalitis, enteric or typhoid fever, paratyphoid fevers, erysipelas, food poisoning, puerperal pyrexia, ophthalmia neonatorum, anthrax. There were no cases of chicken pox and German measles.

The Public Health (Leprosy) Regulations, 1951 - No action needed.

Mental Health Services - Administered by the Radnorshire County Council.

Home Health Services and Old Peoples' Welfare - The home health services are administered by the Radnorshire County Council. Chiropody - A fortnightly service is given to persons over sixty years old. There is a Knighton Old Peoples' Welfare Club.

Water Supply - The Rhos water supply was improved bacteriologically by the replacement of a stone collecting drain by one of glazed ware and by draining polluted water away from the source. The Garth water supply was improved by the erection of a second balancing tank. An improvement to the supply of water at Offa's Road Council Houses was achieved by arranging for all cold water to sanitary appliances to be supplied direct from the rising main instead of from tanks in the roof spaces. Inadequate water supplies at two dwellings were improved by the replacement of encrusted rising mains at owners' expense. Nineteen bacteriological examinations of the public supply (before and after chlorination) and two of untreated private supplies of water were made, the latter indicating need for treatment.

Dwelling Houses and Flats	Number	Population
in the district	607	1820
supplied from public water mains direct	581	1742
supplied from public water mains through standpipe	0	0
supplied privately (agricultural dwellings)	26	78

Sewerage - The Consulting Engineer presented his report on the proposed additional works needed in the event of receiving for treatment sewage from Kinsley Road area of the Clun Rural District. Analyses were made of samples of sewage received at the purification and disposal works. The public sewer in Ffrydd Terrace was extended.

Livestock Market - Cleansing satisfactory.

Knacker's Yard - This was well managed from the public health aspect.

Market Hall - Some fire precautions recommended by the Chief Fire Officer were carried out.

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Refuse Removal - The fireback lining of the refuse destructor was repaired. Collection and disposal were carried out without complaint.

Sports and Recreation - Bryn-y-Castell Recreation and Sports Ground was provided with an ash roadway. Arrangements were made with the County Council for the West Street Recreation Ground to continue in use on rental. Insulation of an electricity overhead cable was completed for reasons of safety.

Housing Improvement Grants - Three building grants were made.

Shops - It was not necessary to take any action under the Food Hygiene Regulations and Food Byelaws in connection with the cleanliness of equipment and person, the handling, preparation and display of food, but at two shops sanitary improvements were completed. 86 cans and other small articles of food and 140 lb of pigs' livers were condemned and disposed of in the Council's refuse incinerator.

Ice-cream (Heat Treatment, etc.) Regulations, 1959 - No action necessary.

Meat Inspection - No slaughterhouses. Meat inspection at butchers' shops carried out. Refrigerators properly maintained and used.

Rodent Control - Service unchanged. No statutory notices were required.

Transport - The Council associated themselves with a general protest against the British Transport Commissions' proposed closures and withdrawals of passenger train and parcel facilities on the Central Wales Line. They supported a proposal to apply for permission to operate a road service connection between Knighton and Craven Arms and possibly a through service on certain days to Shrewsbury.

Industrial Development - Construction of a Government financed trousers factory in Knighton was underway.

Road Safety - The local home and road safety Committee urged on the Radnorshire County Council concrete proposals for dealing with the dangerous 'bottle neck' which had developed in West Street at its junction with Crabtree Walk. Representations for a halt sign at Bowling Green Lane - Bridge Street junction were made to the County Council. Parking in Nelson Square was restricted. A recommendation for a 'keep left' sign at the Church Road - Station Road junction was made. Amended proposals by the Radnorshire County Council for the control of street parking were accepted and local interests were consulted.

Street Lighting - A scheme comprising an additional 20 Group A lighting points was begun. Five 'black spots' were dealt with.

Dangerous Walls and Buildings - One dangerous building was demolished under section 58 of the Public Health Act, 1936. One delapidated vacant dwelling was demolished. A dangerous wall adjacent to the highway was rendered safe.

New Dwellings - The construction of 10 new Council houses and a block of garages was completed. Plans for additional Council houses and a shop were in preparation. Four private new dwellings were erected.

Demolition and Closing Orders - Nil. Untidy sites of demolished properties were cleared.

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Hospital - The Council were not called upon to disinfect the maternity and labour wards, but the service is available.

Caravan Sites - A licence to use a site on the Garth was granted.

Common Lodging Houses - None.

Yours obediently,

(Signed) B.C. DAVIES, B.M.,B.Ch.,D.R.C.O.G.

Medical Officer of Health.

Hospital - The Council were not called upon to disinfect the material and labour works, but the service is available.

Graves Site - A licence to use a site on the Garth was granted.

Coming Lodging Houses - None.

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